

Approved November 13,
2013

**Local Human Rights Committee
Minutes
August 14, 2013 – 1:00 P.M.
Building 1, Conference Room B**

Attendance: Louis Cei, Carol Gittman, James Pulliam,
Bobby Tuck, Eddie Martin,

Absent: James Hume

Others: Carrie Flowers, Human Rights Advocate; Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate; Michael Curseen, Regional Advocate; Margaret Miller, SVTC Facility Liaison; William Hawkins, SVTC/HDMC Facility Director; Linda Coake, Administrative Assistant; Christina Vernon, Risk Manager; and Zachary Devore, VOPA Representative.

Community Providers: Sandra Eason, Brandon Eason, Tarvaris McCoy, Sirez McCoy, Zoe House, LLC; Rafeeq Akbar, Jamull Minor, Structured Living, LLC; Astrid N. Boyd, Danny Boyd, My Brothers Keeper, LLC.

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<i>Administrative Meeting:</i>	Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate, discussed the expectation of the community providers as they become affiliates of the LHRC.		
<i>Interview</i>	Mr. Ed Schultz was interviewed to fill vacant slot on the committee. Bobby Tuck made a motion to recommend that Mr. Schultz be appointed as a member to the LHRC to the State Human Rights Committee. Eddie Martin seconded. Motion was carried.		
<i>Call to Order:</i>	The meeting of the Local Human Rights Committee was called to order by Dr. Louis Cei, Chairperson at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Cei thanked everyone for coming and asked all persons present to introduce themselves.		
<i>Minutes:</i>	A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the May 8, 2013, minutes. The motion passed.		
<i>Public Comments:</i>	Chairperson, Dr. Cei announced the public comment period and invited individuals to come forward to address the committee. Mr. Zach DeVore, Staff Attorney for VOPA announced that VOPA is transitioning to a non-profit, private entity effective October 1, 2013. The new entity titled, disAbility Law Center of Virginia (cLCV) will continue to serve as Virginia's protection and advocacy system and provide assistance to people who are applying for or receiving vocational rehabilitation services.		

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	<p>Carol Gittman made “a motion that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Closed Session pursuant to the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 -A.15 for the protection of the privacy of individuals and their records in personal matters not related to public business”.</p> <p>James Pulliam seconded and the motion was approved.</p>		
<p><i>Facility Review on Abuse Allegations, Informal/Formal Complaints, Unknown Injuries, Peer to Peer and Deaths</i></p>	<p>William Hawkins, SVTC/HDMC Facility Director, discussed the two abuse cases which occurred at SVTC during the quarter. One case was presented for Hiram Davis Medical Center.</p> <p>No complaints were received during the 2nd quarter.</p> <p>Chris Vernon, Quality Risk Manager for SVTC reviewed and discussed three serious incidents for the 2nd quarterly reporting period.</p> <p>SVTC had 6 unknown injuries; none were turned into 201. HDMC did not have any for the quarter.</p> <p>David Fereday, HDMC Quality Risk Manager, reviewed info on the five deaths which occurred at HDMC during the April, May, and June quarter.</p>		
<p><i>Roll Call:</i></p>	<p><u><i>Return to Open Session</i></u></p> <p>Upon reconvening into open session, the Local Human Rights Committee certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session were discussed in Closed Session.</p>	<p>Carol Gitman – so certified James Pulliam – so certified Louis Cei – so certified Eddie Martin – so certified Bobby Tuck – so certified</p>	
<p><i>Summary:</i></p>	<p><u>The following Facility reports were heard. Abuse/Neglect Allegations, Unknown Injuries, Serious Incidents, Deaths and Peer-on-Peers for SVTC and HDMC</u></p> <p>Eddie Martin made a motion to accept the reports presented by the Facility Director and Abuse Investigators. James Pulliam seconded and the motion carried.</p>	<p>Reports accepted</p>	

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<i>New Business: Facility Update</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mr. Hawkins presented a report on the census, and staff reductions. Central Office is planning a meeting with Authorized Representatives in mid-September to update them on the settlement agreement. 		
<i>New Business: Program Affiliation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Zoe House, LLC, My Brother's Keeper, LLC, and Structured Living Mental Health Services and Support presented themselves seeking affiliation with the LHRC. ♦ Carol Gitman made a motion to accept Zoe House, LLC, My Brother's Keeper, LLC, and Structured Living Mental Health Services and Support as affiliates. Bobby Tuck seconded. Motion was approved. 		
<i>Advocate's Update:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Taneika Goldman, Human Rights Advocate, reviewed LHRC expectations including meeting attendance and participation, etc. with the new community affiliates. This also included the cooperative agreement which needs to be reviewed; the signature page should be signed and returned at the November 13, 2013, LHRC meeting. ♦ She encouraged the affiliates to stay after the meeting in November to meet with the SVTC facility liaison to discuss their on-going support to the committee, such as meeting locations, administrative support, etc. in lieu of SVTCs closure. 		
<i>Adjournment:</i>	<p>Having no further business to discuss, a motion was made and passed to adjourn at 3:03 p.m.</p> <p>The next LHRC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at SVTC in Building 1, Conference Room B.</p>		

Signature: SVTC-LHRC Chairperson: _____

Date: _____

SVTC-LHRC Secretary: _____

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